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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. "DEFENSE" SAYS AMBASSADOR, WHEN IN LONDON RECENTLY, INDICATED HE MIGHT BE PREPARED TO RECONSIDER PUTTING UP THE ENCLOSURE AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED. I SAID I DID NOT THINK ANYTHING HAD CHANGED, THAT THE AMBASSADOR WAS EXPECTING THEM TO ENGINEER ANOTHER SOLUTION. CAN I CONFIRM TO THEM THAT IS THE CASE?

2. AS REPORTED IN PRESS, MOYNIHAN HAS INTRODUCED LEGISLATION THAT WE SHOULD EXPEL SOVIET PERSONNEL ENGAGED IN ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE. WILL GIST HIS BILL FOR YOU AS SOON AS WE GET IT. HIS EFFORTS HAVE GIVEN ADDED URGENCY TO MAJOR INTERAGENCY CONSIDERATION OF THE GENERAL PROBLEM, WHICH SHOULD BE ANNOUNCED SOON.

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3. WE ARE SENDING OUT AUTHORIZATION FOR ALL PENDING TRANSIT VISA CASES EXCEPT KUZNETSOV (MOSCOW 10659) WHICH WILL BE SENT SEPARATELY TOMORROW. IN THE FUTURE, WE WILL SEND YOU THE AUTHORIZATION AND LEAVE TO YOUR DISCRETION WHEN TO ISSUE BUT NOT TELL THE SOVIET EMBASSY THAT THE AUTHORIZATION HAS BEEN SENT. AS WE HAVE ALREADY INDICATED, WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT THE EMBASSY CONTINUE TO EXPEDITE

CASES OF DEPENDENTS TRAVELING ALONE.

4. RE MOSCOW 10951, LATEST WORD ON BIDEN, IN A DAY OF CHANGING SIGNALS, IS THAT HE IS STILL LOOKING FOR A RIDE, BUT THAT CHANCES ARE HE WILL NOT RPT NOT MAKE IT TO MOSCOW. AT THIS POINT IT IS NOT CLEAR WHEN H WILL RESOLVE IT AND GIVE YOU THE FORMAL FINAL WORD.

5. CSCE 8TH DEMARCHE (REF. MOSCOW 9879) WE WILL SOON SEND YOU AN INSTRUCTION ON THE NEXT DEMARCHE. YOU WILL SEE THAT YOUR VERY GOOD SUGGESTED TEXT HAS GROWN AND HAS BEEN REVISED SOMEWHAT AS CSCE RELATED OFFICES HERE WORKED IT OVER. WE HAVE FENDED OFF SOME OF THE REVISIONISTS BUT HAVE TRIED TO HARMONIZE IT WITH THE PRESIDENT'S CHARLESTON SPEECH.

6. INDIAN OCEAN TALKS NOW LIKELY TO SLIP INTO OCTOBER AND NO DECISION YET ON OUR PREFERENCE FOR PLACE. WE WILL OF COURSE PUSH YOUR CONTINUED PARTICIPATION. ON US-JAPAN CONSULTATIONS, WE HAVE PROPOSED SEPTEMBER 12-13 OR END OF THAT WEEK AND ARE PRESSING TOKYO FOR A REACTION. BILL LUERS, ABOARD AS OF TODAY, WOULD PARTICIPATE ALONG WITH PAUL COOK AND PROBABLY GARY MATTHEWS. WILL YOU HAVE POST FUNDS FOR YOUR PARTICIPANT? CHRISTOPHER

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